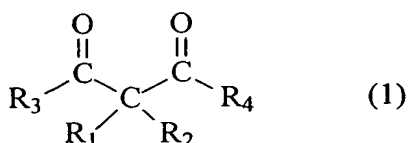


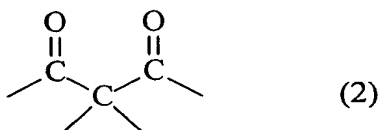
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Photocurable composition is also provided which has these properties. The photoinitiator consists essentially of a compound having a molecular weight of 1000 or less, and having a chemical structure represented by the following formula (1),



wherein R₃ and R₄ independently denote a specific alkyl group, and R₁ and R₂ independently denote an electron attracting group or a specific alkyl group, and weight percentage of a chemical structure element represented by the following formula (2),



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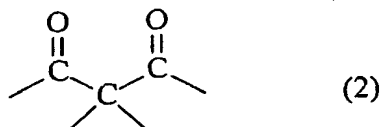
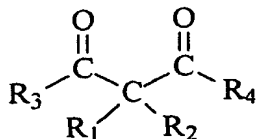
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